

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting – May 22, 2013

Selectmen James Cleary, Jeffrey Rose and Steven Osienski were present as well as Administrator Denise French. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

From 6:10 p.m. until 6:12 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session to address a personal/confidential document received from Ransmeier & Spellman, PC.

From 6:13 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski as well as Administrator French. The Selectmen voted to request a Welfare Application from an individual requesting a hardship abatement of real estate taxes.

From 6:16 p.m. until 6:25 p.m. the Selectmen met in Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss a personnel matter. Present were Selectmen Cleary, Rose and Osienski, Administrator French, Police Chief Steve Campbell and Road Agent Gary Russell. The Selectmen requested that a portion of the Personnel Policy be reviewed with legal counsel to be sure the information is up-to-date and has not been subject to federal law change.

Road Agent Gary Russell met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- Received permission for the Highway Department to revert to its summer work schedule of ten hour days Monday through Thursday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Discussed the varied road widths as they relate to land use set-back criteria.
- The Michie culvert construction drawings for the Bible Hill Road FEMA project have been forward to Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC.
- Good progress has been made using the “man lift” for limbing trees/brush from Gillis Hill to North Bennington Road towards Pine Meadows and towards the Antrim/Bennington town line.

The Selectmen acted on the following matters:

- Reviewed and approved the May 15 and May 22, 2013 Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers. Also reviewed was an Expenditures Report for the period January 1 through April 30, 2013.
- Heard a report that Code 3 – Public Safety Equipment has loaned the Town a radar unit for installation in the new cruiser.
- Voted to hire George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC to assess the Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. for the State mandated 2014 town-wide revaluation.
- Revised the 1986 Whittemore Lake Regulations to state:
 - No dogs or pets allowed on the beach
 - No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed anywhere within the beach area
 - Children under the age of twelve (12) years shall be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian

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- The assigned Life Guard shall have the responsibility and authority for the enforcement of all rules of safety and conduct
- The assigned Life Guard may cause to be removed, or may refuse access, to any person that, in the Life Guard's opinion, is creating a situation that is disruptive to the safe and orderly conduct of the facility
- Selectman Chair Jim Cleary reported he authorized an alcohol waiver for the May 18th Sportsmen Club Game Dinner since the opportunity for the Board to vote on the matter was missed due to cancelation of the Board's May 15th meeting. Jim volunteered to speak with representatives of the Sportsmen Club about reported events occurring after the closure of the public dinner.
- Voted to appoint former Selectman Philip Germain a member of the TEP2 RFQ Review Committee to assist the Board with identifying and hiring an engineering firm to design and oversee construction of the second phase Downtown Improvement Project.
- Heard a report that Town Hall would close at 12:30 p.m. on May 23rd due to staffing shortage.
- Received copy of the Water/Sewer Commissioners' complaint to the Deputy Administrator in response to her interactions with the Antrim Water/Sewer Superintendent who is a subcontractor for the Town of Bennington.
- Approved content of the draft Spring Newsletter.
- Reviewed and approved Building Permits for M2/L3-K, M3/L24, M7/L68, M13/L31 and M23/L1-3.
- Canceled the Board's May 29th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise French
Administrator